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# FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

## AUSTRALIA.

*Examination of rodents for plague infection in Queensland and New South Wales—Plague rats found at Sydney.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from the departments of health of Queensland and New South Wales:

### QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane.*—Week ended May 15. Rodents destroyed, 9,441; examined, 741; found infected, 0. Week ended May 22: Rodents destroyed, 537; examined, 463; found infected, none.

*Summary of rat examination in Queensland since September 15, 1908.*

| | Destroyed. | Examined. | Found infected. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brisbane | 19,503 | 15,878 | 0 |
| Bundaberg | 2,309 | 483 | 0 |
| Cairns | 2,603 | 47 | 0 |
| Gladstone | 547 | 34 | 0 |
| Ipswich | 687 | 287 | 0 |
| Mackay | 959 | 737 | 27 |
| Marysborough | 1,711 | 1,635 | 0 |
| Rockhampton | 2,860 | 2,730 | 0 |
| Townsville | 3,133 | 1,556 | 0 |

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

*Sydney.*—Week ended May 29. Rodents destroyed, 2,131; examined, 599; found infected, 6.

Date of last plague case, May 7. Date of finding of last plague-infected rat, May 22.

## BARBADOS.

*Reports from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Port and island declared free of infection.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, July 3:

Week ended July 3. Bills of health issued to 8 vessels, with a total of 39 passengers and 314 members of crews. Sanitary condition of vessels, passengers, crews, and cargo good. Two vessels were fumigated.

*Summary of yellow fever in Barbados from date of outbreak, December, 1908—Preventive measures still enforced.*

Consul Martin forwards, under date of June 24, the following official statement relative to the present outbreak of yellow fever in Barbados:

The last isolation for yellow fever was on June 9. Since the outbreak, which began in December, 1908, there have been 86 cases of

yellow fever with 36 deaths. Thirty-two of the cases were among whites and 54 among negroes. Of the fatal cases 15 were among whites and 21 among negroes. The last case in St. Michael Parish, which includes the port of Bridgetown, occurred April 8. Previous to the present outbreak the island has been entirely free from yellow fever since 1881.

No case has occurred among the visitors to the island or among foreign seamen in the port, the disease having been confined entirely to the native-born Barbadians.

Rigorous measures are still enforced in St. Joseph Parish, to which locality yellow fever has been practically restricted for the past two months.

## BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Report from Belize, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended July 8. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| July 2 | Ellis | New Orleans | 40 | 6 | 17 |
| 5 | Gardner W. Torr | Tampa | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Carrie W. Babson | do | 7 | 0 | 0 |

## CUBA.

*Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Mosquitoes.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, July 5:

*Week ended July 3.*

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|---|---|
| Vessels inspected | 2 |
| Bills of health issued | 2 |
| Members of crews inspected | 80 |

Rainy weather prevailed throughout the week, and mosquitoes are notably increasing in number.

*Reports from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Enteric fever on steamships—Sanitary conditions—House and water-deposit inspection—Stegomyia calopus.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reports, July 13:

*Week ended July 10.*

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| Bills of health issued | 16 |
| Vessels inspected | 12 |
| Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected | 763 |
| Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected | 570 |
| Vessel fumigated | 1 |